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FACULTY CHOSEN

With the object of enabling young people all over the state to take part in planning their own summer conference, a series of meetings with leaders in different areas of Northern California has been arranged. A second purpose of these regional conferences is to build up Pilgrim Fellowship as a unified organization in the state.

Among leaders now definitely enlisted and appointed for the faculty of the Asilomar conference are the following: Dr. Obed S. Johnson of Wabash College, Indiana, formerly a great leader in China; Dr. Robert W. Gammon, for many years secretary of the Congregational Education Society and leader in young people's work; Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, formerly pastor of First Church, Berkeley, and professor at Pomona College; Professor E. V. Tenney of Fresno State College; Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento; Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward; and Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Plymouth, Oakland. Rev. T. T. Giffen will be dean and chaplain.

UNION Y. P. SCHOOLS

The California Church Council, Northern Area, through its Department of Christian Education, announces a Special Interdenominational Young People's Conference to be held at Lake Alpine, July 5 to 11 for the youth of our churches who have attended two or more denominational youth conferences.

The conference will embrace seminar courses, including Building the Christian Home, Personal Religious Living, Building a New Economic Order, The Bible, Racial Barriers, Christian Use of Leisure Time, A Warless World.

The faculty roster is not as yet complete but to date it includes Dr. Paul Reagor, First Christian Church of Oakland, as chaplain; Russell H. C. Proffitt, Oakland attorney and an expert on the subject of Co-operative; Dr. Sumner Walters, Christ Church of Alameda, and Maurice Ballinger of India, friend and co-worker of Dr. E. Stanley Jones. Other faculty members are soon to be announced.

Inquiry as to the conference, may be addressed to Dr. Paul H. Buchholz, executive secretary of the California Church Council, 228 McAllister Street, San Francisco.

HERE'S HOW!

"I cannot get interested in missions," exclaimed a young lady petulantly. "No, dear," said her aunt, "You can hardly expect to. It is just like getting interest in a bank; you have to put in a little something first; and the more you put in—time, or money or prayer—the more the interest grows. But **something** you must put in—or you will never have any interest." Thanks to The Christian Sun, Richmond, Va. and Editor F. C. Lester.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 22 to July 2—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
July 18-23 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
July 24-31—Asilomar Young People's Conference.
October 26-28 — Annual meeting of State Conference, First Church, Oakland.

R. E. Committee Offers New Plan

There is nothing like an exchange of ideas and methods for giving new inspiration in our Sunday school and young people's work. This is why we have conferences, conventions, seminars, and discussion groups.

If one notices a slump in interest or a discouraged attitude among the teachers and officers of the Sunday school, they should be given a spring tonic of new ideas, or a check-up in the relationship of their mental and spiritual electrons, protons and the like by means of interesting institutes.

An institute on some phase of religious education will change the line of thought. Routine work is like the constant use of a single muscle, which becomes frayed and fagged. There is need of relaxation while other mental muscles respond and share. Musical exercises are necessary, but release by variety is essential or distaste and discouragement and discard of effort will follow. No one faculty or teacher has the last word in religious education, hence the institute with discussion opportunity is a source of renewed interest and zest.

It is interesting to know that the Conference committee on Religious Education is having an institute at the Redwood Empire Association meeting, and will present fresh material and thought during the afternoon session. The program follows:

"What Shall Guide Our Choice of Bible Stories for Young Children?" A study of Bible stories with special reference to what they can mean in the life and developing attitudes of a little child.—Mrs. Lewis Thunen.

"Values in the Old and New Testament for Junior Children." An attempt to guide teachers of children in making the Bible effective in the growing personality, and providing a store of valuable material for him in later life.—Miss Lucile Shackelford.

"How the Bible Grew" (for Intermediate leaders). An attempt to help leaders of intermediate boys and girls to an understanding of how this Book came into its present form, and how to interest growing youth in that development.—Dr. Ralph Waddell.

"Using the Bible to Inspire Young People." An attempt to find those values in the Bible which will have meaning for our youth.—Rev. Sidney Buckham.

"Religious Literature You Should Read." An opportunity to see and hear about new publications of interest to all Congregationalists. — Rev. Edwin Sherman.

"Recreational Leadership." New ideas for social gatherings. You participate.—Mr. Gustavus Schneider.

The Religious Education Committee and the field secretary are ready and willing to co-operate with any pastor, superintendent, local religious education committee, or teaching staff, in promoting similar institutes, and will adapt the program to suit the local needs. These institutes could be of even greater value if promoted for week-ends, beginning Saturday afternoon and continuing in the evening; then presenting a phase of religious education to the congregation at large at the Sunday morning preaching service, to be followed by a Sunday afternoon session, with a Sunday evening climax.

Where desired, the idea could be extended to include other churches in the community. Send request to the Field Secretary at the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

SCHOOL OF PEACE

Again in 1937 an important ten-day summer institute of international relations will welcome to Mills College men and women who wish to work effectively for a warless world. This session is not designed primarily for experts, though many advanced scholars have found attendance profitable.

Faculty prospects this year are stronger than ever before, and church people will be interested to know that in addition to the objective analysis of world affairs, there will be special opportunity for those who wish to study the relation of church and religious values to these problems. How can Christians apply the ethic of Jesus in a world of competitive power? What are the social implications today of the life and teaching of the prophets? Such questions will be explored by outstanding religious scholars including Rev. Leyton Richards and Dr. James Muilenburg.

Leyton Richards is minister of the Carrs Lane Church in Birmingham, England, and is one of that country's most influential religious leaders. He has been brought to America three times for the Institutes of International Relations in the East, and has been one of the most effective faculty members ever used at these sessions. His wide experience as a student and minister in America, Australia and England has been supplemented by extensive travel and work in Canada, North and South Africa, and on the European continent. He is author of several books on the problem of war, including "The Christian's Alternative to War," and "Realistic Pacifism."

Dr. James Muilenburg, formerly dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine, is now professor of Old Testament Literature at the Pacific School of Religion. In California as formerly in New England, Dr. Muilenburg has demonstrated a keen insight into the social implications of high religion.

Leaders not already mentioned will include the following: Dr. J. Anton de Haas, formerly of Holland, now Professor of International Relations at Harvard University; Dr. Carl Landauer, recently from Germany, now professor of Economics at the University of California; Mr. Bertram Pickard, Secretary of the Friends International Center at Geneva; M. Pierre de Lanux, for ten years director of the Paris office of the League of Nations (by courtesy of the Mills College Maison Francaise); Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, president of Mills College; Mr. William T. Stone, vice president of the Foreign Policy Association and director of its Washington bureau; Dr. George M. Stratton, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of California; and Dr. Chen Shou-Yi, Professor of History at the National University of Peiping, China. Arrangements are now being completed with a leader from Japan.

All interested in receiving further information or in registering for this institute are invited to inquire of Joseph Conard, Mills College, Calif.

Associations Meet

The spring associations are being visited by Rev. Howell D. Davies, D. D., Midwest regional secretary of the Missions Council; Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and a representative of the Federation of Congregational Women.

The San Joaquin Association was held at Pilgrim Church, Fresno, on April 23. Mrs. T. E. Borden of Alameda was the Federation representative; Rev. M. G. Papazian spoke on the "Life of D. L. Moody;" and Rev. Norman B. Henderson represented the state committee on Social Action. The following officers were elected for the year: Rev. Arthur L. Rice, moderator; Mrs. W. A. Conn, assistant moderator; Rev. John H. Gregg, registrar and treasurer; and Mrs. J. A. Stuhaan, member of executive committee.

The Bay Association met for the first time with the Bethany Armenian Church, at the old Calvary Church edifice, with Moderator E. B. Mead in the chair. Rev. Victor H. Morgan of Rio Vista represented the committee on Social Action; Rev. E. E. Wilson conducted the devotional service; and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce spoke on "Dwight L. Moody as I Knew Him." Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman gave an address on "The Church in Action With Youth."

The Sacramento Valley Association met in Sacramento on April 28. In addition to the regular team of speakers, Mrs. Elmer W. Benedict represented the Federation of Congregational Women; Mrs. F. Melvyn Lawson spoke on "The Plight of the Church in Modern Europe," and Assemblyman Geoffrey Morgan spoke on "One Talent Men." The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. H. J. Loken, moderator; Rev. Wm. M. Case, vice moderator; Rev. E. O. Chapel, registrar.

Central Association was held at Angels Camp on April 30. Mrs. Godfrey Matthews represented the Federation of Congregational Women, and Rev. Victor H. Morgan the state Committee on Social Action. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dwayne Orton of Stockton. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Rev. Glenn H. Corbin, moderator; Mrs. P. O. Rinde, vice moderator; Rev. Noel J. Breed, registrar.

Notices of the Santa Clara, Upper Bay, and Redwood Empire Associations will appear in a subsequent issue.

THE BOOK OF BOOKS

The American Bible Society announces that this organization distributed 7,760,000 Bibles, Testaments and Gospel Portions in upward of 40 countries of the world during 1936. This is an increase of more than 500,000 over the preceding year. Over 3,000,000 volumes were distributed in America, in about 100 languages.

In the Pacific District, of which Dr. Ralph W. Bayless is executive, a total of 336,804 Scripture volumes were distributed, an increase of 36 per cent over the preceding year.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, the National Bible Society of Scotland, and the American Bible Society, have a combined annual distribution of 22,000,000 volumes, which added to commercial publishers, brings total Bible annual distribution to around 27,000,000.

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DO NOT LEAVE

An appeal "begging the American Board not to make any withdrawal of missionaries from Mindanao at this time," has reached Boston signed by three Filipino Moderators and the acting dean of Silliman Bible School in the Philippines. At the annual meeting of the Philippine Mission the return was asked of Rev. and Mrs. James F. McKinley, Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Laubach, Rev. and Mrs. Walter C. Tong, and Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Woodward. The government is developing Mindanao, building roads, exploiting water power, seeking mines. People are pouring into this pioneer area. "Our chance is unparalleled in any other area of the Philippines . . . Ours is the open door for the gospel . . . We are trying our best to train for the ministry as many as we can find who are worthy but at our present rate we are far from being able to adequately cope with the great opportunity." So wrote in their appeal Senores Bergado, Cinco, Del Carmen and Rodrique.

GOING TO FIRE YOUR MINISTER?

If you must, do it in a Christian way. There come times when action must be taken to sever the pastoral relationship for the best interests of the church. But there is a right way and a wrong way of going about it. One of the most cowardly ways is to try to starve him out by continually reducing his salary. It is both cowardly and un-Christian. Thank God not many of our churches are guilty of that sort of tactics. If it is necessary for the welfare of the church to make a change in the pastorate then the way to do it is for the church committee to investigate the whole situation, come to its well-considered, Christian conviction, then call the pastor in for a frank discussion of the whole situation, without animus, with perfect frankness. The devoted Christian minister will put the welfare of his church above his own personal security and will resign in perfect good faith if it is shown that his resignation is best for the church. But any man has a right to resent any attempt to oust him from his position that is made in a roundabout, under-cover sort of way. As churchmen we should be honest, fair, dispassionate, just, when we face the trying situations that sometimes occur in the church.—"Exchange."

A CHINESE ACCEPTS

"The other day I went to see a man whom we were inviting to join the hospital board of managers. Fortunately Dr. Miao came with me so that I wouldn't have to do too much of the talking. Our host was most courteous and would be only too glad to serve if only he weren't so busy, so ignorant of hospital affairs, and so generally incompetent anyhow. After a few minutes of this I was ready to accept his refusal and depart as gracefully as possible, but Dr. Miao got up, saying to me, 'Since Mr. Wang has already accepted, let us not take any more of his valuable time.' And so we learn slowly what people mean when they say something else.

"The results of the meeting of the board of managers pleased me very much. The group seemed very much interested in helping to solve the problems of the hospital. They showed a very encouraging tendency to consider the welfare of the patient first in some cases where traditional Chinese practice would make him suffer to protect the hospital."—From a letter written by Dr. Leonard F. Wilbur.

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Still ahead of last year, but not quite so far ahead as a month ago! Such are the facts as revealed in the church-by-church report appearing below. Remittances for April lacked about $900 of keeping up with 1936 so that the total receipts are about $600 ahead instead of about $1,500 as at the end of March. A considerable number of churches have not been heard from at all during the year thus far, and still others have remitted very small amounts although a third of the year is gone. A determined effort should be made by all treasurers and missionary committees to see to it that every dollar available is remitted before the summer vacation comes on. If we are to raise the goal adopted at the last conference and to meet the increased state-wide budget, we must add $5,000 in new money before December 31. It is none too early to be hard at work.

	April 1937	Jan 11 to April 30, 1937	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1936
Adin	$	$ 9.50	$ 18.29
Alameda	117.60	117.60	157.64
Angels Camp		125.00	25.00
Antioch		16.66	13.80
Auburn		60.00	25.00
Benicia		20.00	20.00
Berkeley, First	755.28	2,552.66	2,408.94
Kensington		10.00	
North	57.45	132.45	150.00
Park		19.00	18.47
Campbell		55.00	50.00
Ceres			113.41
Cloverdale		10.30	27.90
Cotati			26.18
Crockett	10.00	10.00	23.00
Eureka	32.14	106.46	71.74
Fairfax	11.00	11.00	
Ferndale	72.85	72.85	52.26
Fresno, Cross	10.00	10.00	
Fresno, First	50.00	254.14	231.42
Pilgrim	10.00	45.00	
Hayfork			3.00
Hayward	50.00	50.00	40.00
Kenwood		13.70	12.30
Likely			5.00
Lockeford			2.50
Lodi, First	250.00	360.00	100.00
Loomis	6.00	18.00	11.90
Martinez		91.94	69.92
Murphy		50.00	40.00
Niles	5.00	5.00	10.00
Oakland, First	416.66	1,926.64	2,033.70
Fruitvale		12.00	5.00
Pilgrim	9.60	15.36	
Plymouth	57.31	209.60	205.00
Oroville	20.00	80.00	60.00
Pacific Grove		107.40	155.11
Palo Alto		450.00	250.00
Paradise	14.25	47.33	46.00
Petaluma	23.60	211.44	165.25
Pittsburg		33.15	43.06
Port Chicago			2.65
Porterville		37.50	25.00
Redwood City		160.00	100.00
Ripon	9.92	32.91	11.50
Sacramento		144.58	156.70
San Carlos		18.23	
San Francisco, Bethany Msn.			
Park	5.00	73.74	87.46
First		431.65	413.51
Ocean View	5.00	15.00	6.83
Richmond	9.00	9.00	
San Jose	40.00	230.00	173.00
San Leandro	7.28	29.23	18.95
San Mateo		60.00	
San Rafael		24.00	20.00
Santa Cruz		150.00	160.00
Santa Rosa		53.50	75.27
Saratoga		150.45	106.73
Sebastopol	9.72	80.85	71.18
Sonoma	10.80	19.30	25.15
Soquel		10.00	15.00
Stockton	41.25	97.95	129.39
Suisun	35.45	35.45	45.00
Tulare	45.00	120.00	95.00
Weaverville	3.50	31.65	35.40
Reno, Nev.	34.00	120.77	141.05
Miscellaneous	62.70	353.50	597.60
	$2,297.36	$9,808.44	$9,203.16

"NOBLE TO FAIL"

"It is nobler to fail in a cause which deserves to succeed than to win a temporary victory in a cause that ought not succeed and is destined ultimately to fail. Even in the hour when the idealist suffers most keenly a sense of frustration not deserved, it is a comfort to know that when a great and good cause called for champions he was not a slacker, but a stout-hearted soldier in the front ranks.

"The idealist needs patience. But he has no ground for discouragement because of the discipline of frustration which falls to his lot today. If he has made a real contribution to the betterment of the world, however small it may be, let him rest content, confident that unborn generations will in their turn rise up and vindicate his insight and sacrifice.

'He that sees the future sure
The baffling present can endure' "

(From an article by Rev. Henry Stauffer, entitled, "Tonic for Baffled Idealists," in "The Religious Telescope," published by the United Brethren denomination).

BERKELEY, NORTH. Rev. P. Pierson Parker, pastor. Eleven new members have been received and Sunday morning attendance shows marked increase over previous years. The ladies of the church held a birthday luncheon with twelve tables, one for each month of the year, and an excellent program. There were 115 persons present.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. An associate pastor, Rev. C. E. Sinclair, has been secured, who will devote himself primarily to the work of the Sunday school and to making a thorough canvass of the parish. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, again sees to it that every Fruitvale church family receives The Pacific.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The 30th anniversary of the organization of the church will be celebrated on May 16. Rev. Joseph Fukushima, former pastor, will be a guest of honor. Twelve new members have joined recently. Rev. S. Nakayama looks after two Sunday schools besides his own church work.

TULARE. A new pipe organ, made possible by a bequest and some additional funds, will be installed and paid for by September. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the pastor, arranged a conference of Sunday school teachers with Field Secretary Sherman on April 24.

PITTSBURG. Twenty additional new subscription to The Pacific bring the total up to 122. One of the women's circles presented a fashion show which was attended by about 200 persons. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The church is the recipient of the gift of a piano. Ten members were received on Palm Sunday. Plans are going forward to raise the bank indebtedness. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

NILES. Under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Day there is a finely developing young people's work. Eight new members joined the church at Easter time.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson represented the Protestant clergy of the county at the dedication of the new Sonoma County Hospital.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Seven young people united with the church at the communion service on Thursday of Holy Week. Rev. M. G. Papazian, pastor of the church, gave the closing address of the three-hour united service on Good Friday. The Sunday morning congregation averaged 246 for the entire year.

LODI. The Christian Endeavor Society helps regularly in religious services at the state school at Ione. Mrs. Alida Whyers plans to visit a number of our missionary enterprises in the southern states in order to bring back first-hand information. The church is responding enthusiastically to the leadership of Rev. A. R. Boone.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith believes in sharing the good times of his young people. He has gone on recreational trips with Boy Scouts and with his Young People's Society. He is grading and landscaping the church property.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Charles E. Ward received into membership twenty-four persons on Easter, and baptized fifteen. The offerings for the day were $456. A choir of 38 high school students gave an Easter cantata at the vesper hour.

REEDLEY, FINNISH. This church is looking forward to the coming of its new minister, Rev. Omar G. Halme, who expects to be on the field June 1. Two delegates were in attendance at the San Joaquin Association.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A luncheon club has been formed which meets every Sunday after the church service. Attendance at the language school averages about 35. Mr. Jung Lew is pastor and teacher.

EUREKA. New hymnals are soon to be secured. The church has recently been the beneficiary of a bequest. Six new members were welcomed into fellowship on April 11. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

SAN RAFAEL. This church has called Mr. Ellwood Hunter as pastor. A course in music sight reading, of ten weeks, has awakened much interest. Nine new members united at Easter time.

LOOMIS. During recent months a total of about $225 has been paid for improvements and on the parsonage debt. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

SOQUEL. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath reports very fine Easter services. The quota for the California Church Council has been met in full.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. Five new members came into fellowship at Easter time. Rev. B. Y. Leong is pastor.

MURPHY. The church building has been painted and running water installed in the social hall.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OROVILLE. The 80th anniversary of the organization of the church was held April 17 and 18. The history of the church was reviewed and many reminiscences were given at the anniversary banquet on Saturday night. It was brought out that it took fifty years for the church to reach a membership of fifty. It is significent to note that with one exception every decade showed an increase in membership. The address of the evening was given by Senator Charles H. Deuel, who as a boy was janitor of the church in the eighties. Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the anniversary sermon on Sunday morning. The story of the church was told in greater detail in the historical panel at the Sunday evening service.

Rev. Elmer G. Brinkmeyer is pastor and to him and Mrs. Brinkmeyer in a large part goes the credit for arranging the celebration.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Twenty-seven hundred people attended the three Easter services. Subscriptions to The Pacific are being paid by the church for all new families coming into membership. Rev. James E. Enman, at the request of the church, arranged an Academy of Religion and Life for several Wednesday nights during Lent. Rev. Carl S. Patton continues his preaching ministry. The pastor, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, will be back in his pulpit on August 1.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Rev. Edgar E. Wilson has announced his resignation, to take effect at the close of the present Methodist conference year. The Congregational membership has voted to request another Methodist appointment. Seven new members came into fellowship at Easter time. The best financial canvass made in years has been completed, under the leadership of Field Secretary Sherman.

PORTERVILLE. The rebuilding of the church auditorium and the erection of the new social hall are rapidly nearing completion. The plant will be much more attractive and workable when completed than it was previous to the fire. Attendance from January to April shows a gain of about 35 per Sunday. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

FOWLER, ARMENIAN. Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Goergizian were welcomed at a public reception which crowded the church hall. Church attendance has increased, the average congregations for the Sunday mornings of April being 151. Out of a Sunday school enrollment of 59 there was an average attendance of 57. The church is happy in the leadership of the new pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Twenty-three new members were received on the Sunday following Easter, thirteen of them on confession of faith. The Easter offering totaled about $700. For the five Sunday evenings of May various issues of "Social Action" will be used as bases for young people's discussion. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. This church very successfully entertained the Bay Association spring meeting and made a decided hit with the delegates in serving a turkey dinner. An evening service in English is conducted for young people, at which there has been an attendance of between thirty and forty.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. This church has extended its hospitality to the Temple Methodist Church, which is to be dispossessed of its property following the second Sunday of May. For the present the two churches will worship together, with a common choir, a joint committee of ushers, and will merge their Sunday schools. Rev. E. A. Lowther of the Temple Methodist and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of the First Congregational will share the responsibilities of the pastoral office. In the meantime joint committees will discuss a possible further union. On Easter Sunday the First Church received fourteen members into fellowship.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Automobiles will call for mothers who would otherwise be unable to attend the Mother's Day service. The Men's Club sponsored an open meeting for all friends of the church with Professor James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion as speaker. The anti-saloon drama, "Death Takes the Steering Wheel," was presented by the church. April showed an increase of eleven in Sunday school attendance over March. Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick is the pastor.

STOCKTON. Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, assisted by the choir of the church, will broadcast from Station KWG three Sundays, beginning May 2, at 12:30 noon. Dr. Breed has given a series of ten children's sermons, in each telling the story of a Biblical character and asking the children to write down the name of the character. A prize was awarded to the child having given the correct names of the greatest number.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Through offerings received on Easter Sunday and other income, insurance for three years has been paid and taxes cared for. Ten new members have been received into fellowship. Three automobile loads of women attended the spring meeting of the federation, Mrs. E. E. Vehrs of this church presiding. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

ALAMEDA. A great occasion it was when fifty-four people were received into membership on a single Sunday, thirty-six of them on confession of faith. A panel discussion on "Religion and Health," in which three ministers and three physicians participated was arranged by Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, and drew a very large attendance.

GRASS VALLEY. A reproducing organ, with equipment which may also be used as a public address system, has been presented to the church and may be used for street meetings as well as with gatherings in the church building. Rev. E. O. Chapel, pastor, reports that it has very fine tonal qualities.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The World Service Committee has inaugurated a plan for wider distribution of literature. A table has been established in the narthex, on which new and informative literature is available, with a member of the committee in attendance.

SARATOGA. Eight new members were received during Holy Week, one by letter and seven on confession of faith. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is pastor.

RIPON. Over 200 members and friends of the First Congregational Church of Ripon gathered Sunday, April 25, for the Twentieth Anniversary celebration of the completion and dedication of the church. Rev. I. Morse Dryer of Fowler, a former pastor of the church, preached the morning sermon before the large assemblage. At one o'clock a pot-luck dinner was served in the social hall under the guidance of the Ladies' Aid Society. A brief history of the church was read and a number of the older members told of their work in the organization of the group which finally started the present church. The pastor, Rev. Everett L. Spuller, acted as chairman. Eleven new members have been received.

ANGELS CAMP. The effectiveness of the Sunday school has been increased by the use of Pilgrim Press materials. The church library, which is the only public library in the county, continues to render a valuable service. The donation of good books would be appreciated. The Ladies' Aid Society keeps up the property, furnishes fuel, and during the past year renovated the social hall and paid $100 on the salary. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin, the pastor, is much encouraged with the prospects for work at Sheep Ranch.

SANTA ROSA. A choral communion service was held on Sunday evening, April 4, to which all Congregational churches of Sonoma County were invited. The program, which was made up almost entirely of music, was arranged by the pastor, Rev. Wilfred Withington, and about five church choirs participated. The church was beautifully decorated with spring blossoms.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Sixteen new members came into fellowship on Easter. The seventh birthday of the United Church was celebrated March 31. The fiscal year was closed without deficit the first time in several years. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, consecrated eight babies and baptized eight other persons on Easter Sunday.

RIO VISTA. A Sunday evening young people's group of high school age has been organized, and the Boy Scout troop has been revived. A union three-hour service was held on Good Friday. The pastor, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, has landscaped the church grounds putting in lawn, shrubs, and flower beds.

AUBURN. A fine group of young married couples are attending church. A vested choir of young people is giving fine service. About sixteen new members have been received into fellowship. Rev. H. J. Loken, pastor, leads in the regular Sunday evening discussion.

BERKELEY, PARK. This church has asked for a reduction of aid from the Home Missionary Society. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, has worked out a plan whereby Sunday school pupils may earn Bibles for attendance.

FRESNO, FIRST. There was a net increase of 31 members during the year, as reported to the San Joaquin Association. Rev. Norman B. Henderson, pastor, is greatly pleased with the increased missionary interest being manifested.

HAYWARD. Responding to the keen desire of a group who have been studying English literature under the guidance of the minister, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, a class for the study of the Bible, using the techniques of modern critical scholarship, has been formed to meet on Friday evenings in the parsonage. Twenty-four people are enrolled and a library of outstanding theological and biblical volumes is being established. Membership in the class already comprises people from four other denominations. The church school is taxing the building and is well staffed.

SANTA CRUZ. All available space, including Sunday school room, was crowded on Easter Sunday. with a total of about a thousand persons. There were 400 communicants at the Holy Thursday candlelight service. Ninety persons were present at the Women's Club meeting in April. The Parent-Teachers' Association chorus were guests. Mrs. H. S. Mahood, wife of the pastor, spoke on "Women's work in the church." The young people were hosts to the West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship, featured by a beach outing and picnic with 200 in attendance. Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, is on vacation.

TRINITY COUNTY. Weaverville had three delegates to the Sacramento Valley Association and two came from Hayfork. Plans are under way for raising money to restore the Hayfork building. The beginning of a Men's Club has been made at Hayfork, which club has for its purpose community service, particularly work among boys. Regular services will soon be resumed at Lewiston since road conditions are now very much better.

PARADISE. Ten new members were received into fellowship during the Easter season. Rev. E. P. Shier, the pastor, is rounding out ten years of service with the church. Superintendent Gill visited the field on April 18, speaking to the church officers, to the Young People's Society, and at regular evening service.

FAIRFAX. The church was filled for Easter services, and seven members were received on confession of faith. A pageant was presented on Palm Sunday, portraying the days of Holy Week. Rev. C. L. Mears is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO. The unified service with Sunday school and adult worship meeting simultaneously is a decided success. The spring class of new members will be received on Mother's Day. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, reports progress in the campaign to clear the indebtedness.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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SPRING MEETING ECHOES

A day of sunshine and clear horizons; a green, flower-spangled world; a beautiful hostess church overflowing with hospitality; a full program, varied and stimulating; a group of women united in happy fellowship by a common dedication to a high purpose —these were some of the ingredients in the making of a memorable spring meeting of our Federation on April 15 in San Mateo. There was a record attendance of 340.

Our sympathy went to our president, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, who through illness was not able to be with us. In her absence we were fortunate to have our capable first vice president, Mrs. E. E. Vehrs, in the chair. She told us that America, long considered the world leader in Sunday school work, now lags behind; that 70 per cent of our Sunday school children come from homes outside the church and receive no other religious instruction; that 26 million children in the United States are growing up moral and spiritual illiterates.

There can be no isolation of place and age in religious work with young people, says Rev. Fred Morrow, our director of student work in the University of California. One must think of the college years as part of a continuous development from high school and younger years; therefore we are reaching out to these earlier years as part of our student work. Our Pilgrim Fellowship, which is being set up nationally, includes both high school and colleges ages. These young people who are the church leaders of tomorrow and **almost** the leaders of today are a very hopeful crop of youth,—not like the "problem" young people of yesterday. There is an awakening conscience among them, a developing character and personality that is heartening. The church today is turning out and attracting the most desirable and finest type of youth-personality. The question is: are we as a church meeting the social consciences of our young people? Some young people will not come near our churches because they feel we lack the courage to be consistent, yet they themselves are heart and soul of our work. There are two groups of adults: one group works **for** young people from the **outside;** the other group works **with** them from the **inside,** and that is the only way that counts.

"Use the **best** material in your church schools," says Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Plymouth Church, Oakland. She will be glad to advise concerning publications for Juniors.

PRACTICAL DOING

After our study of the African and the Afro-American, it seems fitting that our interest and goodwill should find practical expression. Some of us are gathering used books to send to Tillotson College, our A. M. A. Negro co-educational college in Austin, Texas. The president, Miss Mary E. Branch, whom many of us met when she was here some years ago, writes that they are still building up their library as part of their eager endeavor to bring their college up to the point of full accreditment by the Southern Association. Standard literature; Latin, French, and German books; recent books on education, psychology, science; good fiction; carefully chosen religious books, etc. are acceptable. Books may be brought to our federation meetings or left at Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler's, 2800 Woolsey St., Berkeley.

Miss Helen Perkins gave many instances of children handicapped by conditions of modern life; children of city slums with no place to play except dangerous streets; children of agricultural migratory workers who never have a home, who do not know how to play, but often when only four years old begin to work. These migrant children have no community feeling, no sense of having a country. When some were asked how many were born in America, one child replied, "I was born in cotton; is that America?" They grow up lacking independence and initiative. They must be fed and clothed by the relief worker, and the result is graphically set forth in "What Relief Did to Us." (The American Mercury, July, 1936). California stands high in educational provisions for migrant children, but school officers often find it impossible to count the children or to enforce the school law. After several years we can see no difference in the number of children who work.

The state as well as the church is trying to meet the needs of some of the handicapped. Mr. John Dodd of San Francisco gave us an interesting address on the work of the Vocational Rehabilitation Bureau of the California State Department of Education. Their problem is threefold: (1) morale building, (2) vocational guidance, (3) training. The candidates must be (a) mentally and socially qualified, (b) of employable age (16 or over), (c) not merely disabled physically but vocationally handicapped. There are now 2,700 of these in training in California in 400 different types of work. Many who have been trained are now earning good livelihoods. The bureau has headquarters in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, to which cases may be referred.

In a clever original monologue, Mrs. Gail Cleland pictured the two types of women who attend the M. E. M. Conference. One type goes to all the meetings, listens attentively, reads much, and comes home feeling she has done her duty nobly and need make no further efforts. The other type comes home to organize World Service work and teachers' classes, and to put into practice in her own church the fine helpful suggestions she has heard. The M. E. M. Conference will be held at Asilomar, July 18 to 23, and every church is urged to spend $15.00 in sending one leader to it. "But 'pick your man'," advises Mrs. Cleland, "and send someone who will come home and **do** something.

BREAD FROM THE WATERS

China's sympathy and gift of over $100,000 to U. S. A. flood sufferers shows her desire to be continually a member of "The Family of Nations" and her interest in other people's problems and sorrows as well as her own destiny.

HELP FOR TRINITY

Rev. James D. Salmon was in Berkeley during the Pastoral Conference this winter. Shortly before, when on his way to preach at Hayfork, his machine had been wrecked on a snowbanked grade, but he escaped injury. He especially appreciates the warm clothing which our ladies have sent, for he finds cases of desperate need. As we discard our winter clothing can we not lay aside (and away from moths!) some things for his call next fall? He distributes the magazines we send in the Weaverville Hospital, in the CCC camp, and to many shut-ins. Some of the books are used by his Boy Scouts and in his recently organized Girls' Club. The Weaverville church has been studying China this year, with Dr. Leonard Wilbur's letters for inspiration and insight. In a letter of April 24, Mr. Salmon writes: "We formed a Ladies' Aid Society in Hayfork last fall. The winter was so bad that they hadn't met until last week. But they have mapped out a program both of missionary study and sewing. Yes, the Hayfork church did fall in from the weight of the snow. A few weeks ago I helped several men in the community to clear away the wreckage. A local contractor estimated the cost to replace it at $800. We have several plans to raise the money: (1) A cookbook is in the making. (2) A musicale will be given the first part of May. At that time pledges will be asked for its rebuilding. We are meeting in part of the church which hasn't fallen in." Our warm greetings and good wishes to the youngest member of our Federation, and all honor to Hayfork's plucky pastor and people!

The 250 million Turkish Mohammedans are an historical accident. The Turks picked up religion from the Arabs. If Christianity had been truly Christian when the Turks came into contact with it the story would be entirely different. The Moslem knows his history, and to him Christianity stands for crusades, fire, war, hatred. He says the World War was a Christian affair. To salvage the word "Christian" is the great object of our missionaries in Turkey today. Turkey is the responsibility of the Congregational and Christian churches. We have sowed the idea of western education and books and health, and have aided the eastern churches to find the spirit of religion. Our work has shrunk to a mere fraction of what it used to be, but for the first time we are now in intimate touch with the Turkish people. Many are reading the word of God. If only we could save Christ from history and from western connotations! (From address by Mr. Luther R. Fowle of Istanbul, Turkey, to Woman's Association of Berkeley, First Church).

VACATION SCHOOLS

The time for beginning church vacation schools is nearing. Those who are interested in promoting such schools can secure practical information as to books, material, methods, and staff from the field secretary, Edwin T. Sherman, who will be glad to share information that he has secured in conducting several of these schools in different communities. Personal conferences and suggestions to prospective teachers may be had by writing Mr. Sherman in care of the Conference office. The entire Conference committee on Religious Education is also available to the churches in this matter.

The diary of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek during the nerve-racking days of his imprisonment at Sian gives evidence of spiritual battles fought and won, says Rev. George W. Shepherd, guest for two weeks of the Generalissimo in his country home, following release. "A man's life may be sacrificed, his person held in bondage, but his faith and spirit can never be restrained. This is due to confidence brought about by faith," declared Chiang in his Easter message to the Easter Asia Conference of Methodists. "Never before has the Bible been so interesting to me as during my two weeks' captivity in Sian . . . The greatness and love of Christ burst upon me with new inspiration, increasing my strength to struggle against evil, to overcome temptation and to uphold righteousness."

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